

## RIOTERS CAPTURED

Sixty Italians Rounded Up in Alexandria County.

### ENGAGED IN PISTOL FIGHT

Justice Burrell Imposes Fines, and Delivers Warning Against the Carrying of Weapons—Constables and Posse of Citizens Make Successful Raid on Railroad Camp.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU, Alexandria, Va., Dec. 31.—A squad to the running pistol battle which took place yesterday between Italian laborers near St. Asaph, in Alexandria County, occurred this afternoon, when Constables E. J. Pennypacker and John Cornell, at the head of a numerous posse of citizens, descended upon the quarters of the railroad workmen at the scene of the trouble and arrested sixty Italians. The officers met with scarcely any resistance. They did not, however, secure any weapons. The prisoners were marched to the office of Justice of the Peace Isaac C. Burrell. Dominic Buzze declared he had been attacked and fired on before he used his pistol in self-defense. His testimony implicated Joseph Bartholomew, Jesse Range, and Thomas Barco, respectively, and each of them was fined \$50 and costs. Justice Burrell dismissed Buzze, holding that he had acted in self-defense. The action, however, was with the understanding that the accused would discontinue the practice of carrying a concealed weapon. The others in the party were also dismissed.

### City Has Advanced.

A review of the business, industrial, and general municipal life of Alexandria during the year shows that the city has made steady, substantial, though not startling, advance along many lines of progress. The year has marked the accomplishment of numerous public improvements of a general character. The commercial and manufacturing interests of Alexandria have been much enhanced by the enlargement of the transportation facilities both by rail and water. To most of the growing importance of the city's trade, a chamber of commerce has been organized, and is now operating along extended lines. An extensive main for the draining of the western portion of the city is now nearing completion.

Under these conditions the value of real estate has been heightened. There has not been a great amount of building in Alexandria, but the demand for houses has been maintained, and the population of the city has increased. Indications are that in the near future the northwestern section of Alexandria will be rapidly built up.

### Welcome New Year.

With the terrific din of numberless whistles, bells, and explosives of almost every kind, the old year was taken leave of and the new year was ushered in at Alexandria to-night. Religious services at the Free Methodist Church and at Trinity M. E. Church, attended by large congregations, marked the passage of the old and the incoming of the new year.

The remains of Jonah H. White, a native of this city, who died in New York last Saturday, will be brought here Wednesday morning for interment. The deceased was a brother of Mr. B. C. White, of this city.

### WOMAN DRIVEN INSANE.

Chloroform at Norfolk Under Rigid Investigation as Result.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 31.—With the advent of a number of chloroforms in the city, stories of extorting and cruelities have come to the ears of the police, and an examination of the records of the Alexandria County Jail has ordered several cases investigated.

Several of the insupportable practitioners of chloroform, it is alleged, have used hypnotic influences on susceptible young women for the purpose of getting them under the hypnotic influence that they were under an unlucky spell or charm.

Having them in their power the victims are then forced to pay a fee ranging between \$5 and \$50 to have the spell removed.

One young woman, whose name is being withheld, is reported to have gone violently insane under the suggestion that she is under an unlucky spell.

### SCARLET FEVER ON WARSHIP.

Sailor Aboard Maine Is Victim—Fleet Assembling in the Roads.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 31.—Oscar Sherman died aboard the battleship Maine of scarlet fever.

The flag ship of the squadron did not come up to Old Point from the Capes to-day, and it was known of the situation aboard ship.

Admiral Evans arrived from Washington by steamer this morning and will raise his flag over the Maine as soon as the ships at the Capes come in.

The fog was dispelled by driving rains and the ships are expected to-night or early to-morrow.

### TWENTY ENGLISH GIRLS HELD.

Federal Officials Charge Violation of Contract Labor Laws.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 31.—Twenty English girls and five men, who are held in the custody of the Federal Court officials in connection with alleged violations of the contract-labor law, were brought here last night by deputy marshals to await trial in the Federal Court.

They came to this country several weeks ago and accepted work in cotton factories in the western part of the State. District Attorney Helton investigated the manner in which they were employed, and held that the contract-labor law had been violated.

They were stopped from work and are held pending the trial at the expense of the government. They are not in jail, but held under guard.

### Options on Land for New Club.

Stanton, Va., Dec. 31.—R. W. Brown, a capitalist, of Washington, has options on property in Stanton amounting to \$80,000 and Seawright Springs, twelve miles from here, for the purpose of establishing a social and business organization to be known as the Columbia Club.

The club will be composed of Washingtonians and New York people.

### Fall to Decide in Stilke Case.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 31.—The coroner's jury, sitting in the death of E. V. Stilke, who died in Dixie Hospital, Hampton, decided that he came to his death by opium poisoning, administered with suicidal or murderous intent.



### BOARD IS WITH JACKSON.

Negro Promoters for Jamestown Exposition to Have Hearing.

Special to The Washington Herald. Richmond, Va., Dec. 31.—The executive board of the Negro Development and Exposition Company will support the claim for compensation made by Giles B. Jackson, director general of the company, who has directed the expenditure of \$27,000, and is endeavoring to receive it from the \$100,000 appropriation made by the government.

The board has been in session several days, inquiring into the situation. The government committee will meet in Washington Thursday.

The members of the executive board of the negro exposition company will be given a hearing. At this meeting the director general promises to show that negro politicians, who have lodged information against the exposition with the government commission, are in a conspiracy to overthrow the present regime, in the hope of getting the fat offices for themselves. The executive board has recommended a salary of \$10,000 a year for Jackson.

### GRADUATING CLASS LARGE.

Number of Middies to Finish in February May Reach Fifty.

Special to The Washington Herald. Annapolis, Md., Dec. 31.—Although it had been expected that the second section of the senior class of midshipmen to be graduated from the Naval Academy in February next would be composed of forty members, it is now possible that there will be fifty to receive their diplomas at that time, as a number of the middies have made better marks since the beginning of the present term in October, and may measure up to the qualifications.

The first section of the class graduated in September last, and those to graduate in February will have received a mark of 75 per cent from the work of the present term and 75 per cent for their whole course at the Academy.

### WILLIAM G. WELD DEAD.

Was Prominently Associated with Baltimore Club and Social Life.

Special to The Washington Herald. Baltimore, Dec. 31.—William George Weld, formerly a prominent member of the Baltimore bar, died yesterday in the fifty-first year of his age. He was, on his maternal side, a great grandson of Gen. John Edgar Howard, of Revolutionary fame. On his father's side of the house he came from good English stock. He was born in Baltimore and became a successful practitioner at the Baltimore bar and was regarded as an authority on conveyancing and titles. About twelve years ago he married Miss Clemence Garneau, a member of a leading Southern family in St. Louis. His wife and two young sons survive him. Mrs. Weld and the two children are now in Europe.

### MIDDIES AT NEW YEAR'S BALL.

Stand Attention as Miss Sands Proclaims Birth of Year.

Special to The Washington Herald. Annapolis, Md., Dec. 31.—The annual New Year's Eve ball given by the midshipmen in the armory at the Naval Academy to-night was largely attended by out-of-town persons. Dancing began at 8:30 o'clock and continued until a late hour. The usual custom of "ringing out the old" and "ringing in the new" year was most interesting. Just before the stroke of midnight, all hands ceased dancing and stood at attention, while Miss Marion Sands, daughter of the superintendent, rang the large bell, which bade adieu to the old and proclaimed the advent of the New Year.

### Miss Virgie Wiltshire a Bride.

Special to The Washington Herald. Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 31.—Miss Virgie Wiltshire, of Mine Run, Orange County, became the bride of Lewis Pemberton, of Caroline County, in New Hope Baptist Church, Orange County, last Thursday. Rev. J. M. Beadles was the officiating minister.

### Mrs. Fannie Simpson Dead.

Special to The Washington Herald. Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Fannie Simpson, aged eighty-eight years, died Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Bullock, in Stafford County. She was the widow of William Simpson, of that county.

### Always the Same.

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### Colored Couple Waylaid.

Special to The Washington Herald. Rockville, Md., Dec. 31.—While returning to her home, on the farm of George Shaw, last night, Sadie Daphney, colored, who was out driving with Elias Young, colored, was waylaid by some unknown person, near the entrance gate of Samuel L. Phillips, and shot, the bullet passing through her leg. A shot fired at Young passed through his hat. A suspected person is watchful, and an arrest is expected at any time.

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## 1907

## OIL KING INDIGNANT

Charges Stock Depreciation to Demagogic Activity.

### HIS OWN LOSS IS MILLIONS

First of Year Inventories, He Says, Will Show Enormous Shrinkages. Wage Earners Will Suffer—How Corporations Have Wrought Good Tribute to New York Financiers.

New York, Dec. 31.—In an interview granted Marjorie E. Fox, of the Newspaper Enterprise Association, John D. Rockefeller spoke as follows:

"In making inventories for the year just ending, a great many business men in this country will find that they have suffered a loss amounting to millions of dollars, due to shrinkage of value of their shareholdings during the twelve months just past.

"This is in the face of overcast prosperity, the greatest era of prosperity in the history of our country.

"Why should stock values be lower to-day than they were a year ago?

"I can only account for it by the attacks that have been made upon corporate interests during the last year or two year-unwarranted attacks that go to tear down the structures that have been reared by our people through great effort, energy, and patience.

"The effect of these attacks was, of course, first felt by capitalists, and then, through them, the effect was felt by the debtor classes.

"The debtor classes are feeling the effect more than ever now.

"Wage Earners Will Feel Depression.

"Who will be the next to suffer? "Why, the man with the dinner pail—the workman, whose wages are now higher than ever before in our history; 20 per cent higher, I believe the statistics say, than they were five or six years ago.

"When stock values are depreciated as at present, capitalists generally begin to take in their loans, dispose of their collateral, and then the debtor classes feel the depression they retrench, and then it is the workman's time to suffer. I believe January inventories will be a surprise to many people.

"These are the words of John D. Rockefeller. Coming at the opening of the new year, at a time when the whole world looks upon America for guidance in measure of success in commerce and trade, coming at a time when the great strength of the administration at Washington is supposed to be directed against Mr. Rockefeller's gigantic oil trust, and when State governments are trying to disrupt the monopoly, it is perhaps the most extraordinary public statement ever made by the founder of the Standard Oil Company.

### Tone Savors of Indignation.

Guarded in his every utterance, speaking always with deliberation, sometimes with a soft accent upon his words, and again with intense earnestness, there ran through Mr. Rockefeller's entire conversation with the writer, which was of nearly three hours' duration, a note of indignation, which, though veiled, was unmistakable—indignation at the political attitude of antagonism against corporate wealth.

Mr. Rockefeller's broadest declaration has been quoted by Roosevelt or his administration, nor did he once mention the name of the Standard Oil Company.

He did say that the shrinkage on the value of his own stock holdings would be shown by the January inventory to amount to "several millions of dollars."

This was said mildly, without show of feeling, and in a tone of voice that the average business man might speak of a minor failure or a temporary disappointment in his affairs.

The Rockefeller lodge is a comparatively small and plain frame structure, almost entirely surrounded by a glass-enclosed sun parlor.

There is absolutely nothing about the house to indicate the enormous wealth of its possessor. Inexpensive light-colored wallpaper in the large reception room and the living room was relieved by few etchings and prints. There were no paintings. There were a few books, religious or standard novels, on the sitting room table, and one or two magazines, with articles referring to the master of the house, marked in blue pencil.

A heavy Bible has a place in the corner of the room.

The reverie of the writer upon the utter simplicity of the life of the most widely discussed man in the world was presently interrupted by Mr. Rockefeller.

"Simple, substantial fare served. "It is 1 o'clock, and we are all ready for lunch, I am sure," he said, and led the way to a pretty dining-room, where covers were laid for four on a square dining table, amply heaped with fruit, nuts and sweets.

A maid brought the dishes from the kitchen, and handed them to "John," who served the meal. Mr. Rockefeller lingered long over his soup, though he ate little of it. He nibbled at the almonds and salted peanuts, and said of them that he had learned of their nutritious qualities from a gentleman in California, who ate to meat, and who lived entirely upon vegetables and fruits.

"You want me to tell you what I see in this country in 1907?"

Mr. Rockefeller paused for a minute or so. He sat with his hands clasped in characteristic attitude, and while "John" was heaping the plates with roast veal, baked squash, French peas, and laying a delicious salad at each plate, Mr. Rockefeller began the remarkable statement, the purport of which is quoted above.

"Things used to be very different in this country," he said later.

The Old System and the New. "Under the old system A joined interest with B in partnership for mutual benefit. Sometimes those partnerships were agreeable and profitable, but frequently they did not endure very long.

"In the old days competition was severe, and there was much unnecessary waste of material and effort.

"After a while it became apparent to those thoughtful business men that the best way to accomplish an economic system of business was to consolidate interests. For years now interests have been consolidated, and we have our great corporations, as a result.

"Some times I look back upon the times in Cleveland when I was starting my business life. I remember that my first employer in Cleveland used to pay \$4 a ton for freightage on ore from the Marquette country over the Great Lakes to Cleveland. No one complained about rates at that time.

"But later, when I was associated with a party of gentlemen who had consolidated these interests and we were shipping ore over the same route from Marquette to Cleveland, for 6 cents a ton, I was called a wicked monopolist."

Mr. Rockefeller laughed merrily at this term.

Financiers True as Steel. "American corporations have done much good for the people. It is a serious mistake to attempt to tear them down and return to the old idea, which made business for all of us such a hard struggle. Failures of newly-established businesses used to be, if my recollection serves me correctly, between 70 and 75 per cent. That has been greatly reduced. Failures are very few these days.

"The prosperity that we have been enjoying is due to the strict economy and wise judgment of our business men. I think that the lower section of New York City (the financial district) holds some of the most conservative of the world. As a class, they are intelligent, well educated men with fine sense of honor and integrity. There are exceptions, of course, but I have found most of these men as true as steel.

"My, sometimes I lie in bed and think back of the good men I have been associated with in my life, and sometimes I am ashamed that I have not said more in praise of them. There were sixty of us in the beginning, but now all but four have gone to the other life. Just think of it, only four left!

"There is Col. Hayne, who is now sixty-seven years old; J. M. Flagg, now seventy-seven years old; just ten years older than I am, and my brother William, who is sixty-six years old.

"Only four of us left," he went on, "and isn't it strange that our business is now being administered by some of the men who were at one time our antagonists in trade? Yes, they fought us, and fought us well, and now they are running our business for us," and he chuckled merrily.

Advice to Young Men. "Why, the office boys of the old days are now conducting departments of our business. They have grown up in it and they are part of it.

"It is one of the greatest satisfactions of my life that I have succeeded in surrounding myself with good men.

"When, twelve years ago, I left my business forever, I still had other interests to occupy my time. These other interests have something to do with the general good of my countrymen. And my days are all too short to attend to these matters.

"My advice to a young man at the opening of this new year is to go straight ahead and do the best you can to make a business for yourself, and keep happy and comfortable those who depend upon you. If you make mistakes, remember that it is human to err, but try again, and try harder.

"Above all things, be honest with yourself and with those with whom you deal. If you fail at anything, you will at least have a clear conscience, and a clear conscience is a greater comfort and worth more than a fortune gained by dishonest methods."

DEPONAI ENTERS POLITICS. Newspaper Man Announces Candidacy for Baltimore City Council.

Special to The Washington Herald. Baltimore, Md., Dec. 31.—John M. Deponai has announced his candidacy for city council from the Twelfth ward of Baltimore City. Deponai is an old newspaper man of Washington and Baltimore, and a close friend of Senator Gorman and Senator Bayner. He will poll a heavy vote among the independents, whose candidate he nominally is, and at the same time will carry the full support of all organizations.

Will Build Lumber Plant. Salisbury, N. C., Dec. 31.—The J. Randall Williams Company, of Philadelphia, to-day purchased eleven acres of Salisbury suburban property for the purpose of building the second largest lumber plant in North Carolina. The company deals in hard and soft woods, and supplies Piedmont North Carolina with timber shipped from Tennessee and North Carolina mills.

Undisturbed. From the Leavenworth Post. They tell of an old German, who has lived out in the country for many years, that he is very fond of playing cards—so fond that he does little else.

One evening, while he was engaged in a game with several congenial spirits, his barn, at some distance from the house, burned down.

His son came rushing into the room with the news: "The old man didn't look up as he asked:

"Did you get the horses out?"

"Yes," said the son.

"Did you get the wagon out?"

"Yes," said the son.

"Did you get the harness out?"

"Yes," said the son.

"Well," said the old man, "I gift two."

Important Qualification. From the Detroit Free Press. St. Paul claims to have a man who is richer than Rockefeller, and he can qualify in point of indigence?

## PLAN MANY DEATHS

"Black Gang" Has List of High Russian Officials.

### MAKE ONE HUNDRED ARRESTS

Police, Acting on Information Furnished by a Traitor, Capture Leaders of Social Democrats' Military Organization—Six Officers Taken Into Custody at Moscow.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—Searches by the police in this city and in Moscow have revealed lists containing the names of twenty-seven of the highest functionaries, who have been condemned to death by the revolutionaries.

The Novoe Vremya publishes a sensational report of a plot against high government officials, who were about to meet to discuss financial matters. The plot was discovered through suspicions that were aroused by inquiries over the telephone as to the hour at which the meeting would adjourn.

The officers of the guards are studying a list of 4,000 persons of the educated classes, who are under suspicion, and the league of the Russian people, otherwise known as the "Black Gang," has another list, containing the names of 750 other persons.

It is charged that the "Black Gang" has offered a reward of \$50 for the assassination of Prof. Melnikoff and Joseph Hosen, both leaders of the Constitutional Democrats.

Make One Hundred Arrests. Acting on information furnished by a traitor, the police during the last few days captured over a hundred members of the St. Petersburg military organization of the Social Democrats, who were conducting a propaganda in the army and navy.

Among those taken into custody were the editor of a secretly published paper entitled the Barracks, twenty-five soldiers, and several women.

The police also arrested many members of an important group of terrorist social revolutionaries.

The recent arrests of members of the military organization which was responsible for the Sveaborg and Cronstadt outbreaks and the mutinies on board warships of the Baltic squadron in August have been reported from various places in the interior, notably at Moscow, to which city the central committee was transferred after the police had twice broken up the headquarters at Vilna.

Six Officers as Traitors. Six officers, including Col. Klopot, who had distinguished themselves in their respective services, were captured while holding a conference at Moscow. Lieut. Emil Janoff, who was executed at Sveaborg fortress in August for participation in the mutiny, also was a member of this organization.

The propaganda in the army and navy is now the chief work of the so-called majority faction of the Social Democrats, which, after the civilian insurrections of last winter had been crushed by military force, decided that the government could only be overthrown by subverting the army. The minority faction, which is now numerically stronger than the majority faction, has forewarned violence, and has adopted resolutions in favor of purely political activity, as in Germany. The two factions are now virtually independent.

Lieut. Russia, Dec. 31.—The local committee of the Social Democrats, consisting of forty men, was arrested here to-day.

MORRELL TO RUN FOR MAYOR. Senator Penrose and Friends Said to Support His Candidacy.

Special to The Washington Herald. Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—A report given currency to-day that Senator Penrose, State Senator McNichol, and Recorder of Deeds Wade had agreed to throw their influence toward the victory of Gen. Edward de V. Morrell at the Republican primaries in a contest for the party majority nomination would have a tendency to entangle the conditions in the local political field, if true.

For this reason, as much as any, it is said, they have made no comment upon the campaign of the friends of City Controller John M. Walton, which has progressed so far as to seem to now have the Republican nomination at the primaries assured.

It is said among friends of Insurance Commissioner Martin that the mention of Gen. Morrell's name is chiefly done for the purpose of embarrassing Martin, who has long been looked upon as the sponsor of all of Morrell's political aspirations.

Next Saturday will be the last day upon which petitions can be filed for the placing of names of candidates upon the ballot.

### MARYLAND TEACHERS MEET.

Ninth Annual Institute Is in Session at Hagerstown.

Special to The Washington Herald. Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 31.—Two hundred teachers are attending the ninth annual session of the Washington County Teachers' Institute, which convened this morning in the Court Hall in this city. The institute will continue through the week.

Prof. John P. Fockler, County school examiner, called the institute to order. The principal address was made by Dr. S. D. Fess, president of Antioch College, Ohio, who said that Maryland was looked upon as a pioneer in regard to pensioning retired teachers.

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